



# The United States Army Band

*"Pershing's Own"*

Colonel Gary F. Lamb

Leader and Commander

## The U.S. Army Ceremonial Band

In June of 1943, The U.S. Army Band was ordered overseas to perform for our fighting soldiers and allies. During that two year overseas tour, a representative element known as the 'auxiliary band' was established to fulfill the diplomatic and military ceremonial needs in the nation's capital.

Since its origins in 1943, The U.S. Army Ceremonial Band today has grown to meet a wide range of commitments. The Band's primary mission is to support over 1,000 military funerals each year in Arlington National Cemetery. Wreath laying ceremonies by foreign dignitaries at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier are accompanied by the playing of *Taps* and the national anthems of both the visitor's country and the United States. Monthly retirement parades and special review ceremonies at Fort Myer and Fort McNair and arrival and departure honors for foreign dignitaries at The White House and the Pentagon are also part of the group's busy schedule.

Commitments performed by The Army Ceremonial Band are an integral and indispensable part of the overall mission of "Pershing's Own."

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